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Consideration to Approve Purchase Authorization for ADA Paratransit Vehicles

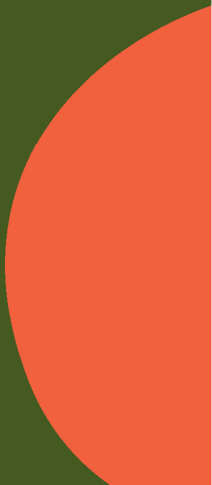


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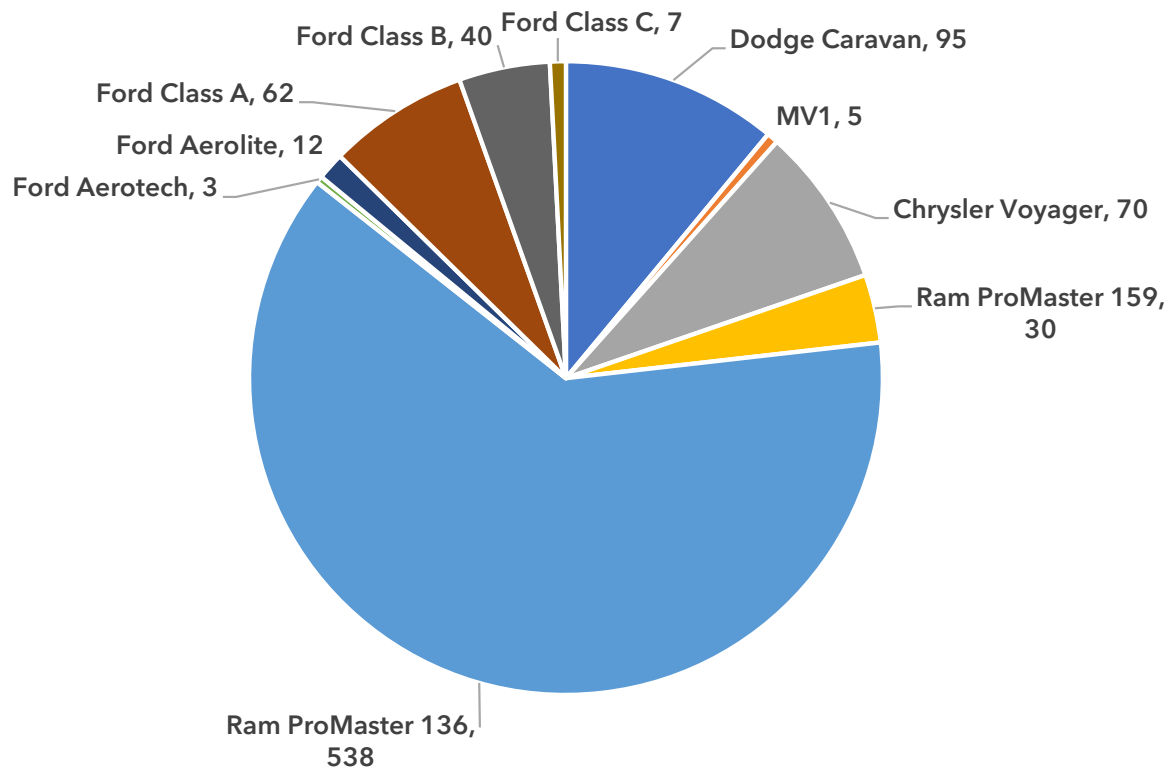
- Provider contract calls for replacement when vehicles reach 250,000 miles
- The Federal Transit Administration recommends replacement after 100,000 miles or four years of operation
- Access replaced 34% of the fleet in FY26, but a significant portion remains beyond service thresholds
- The FY27 program reinforces Access' commitment to providing accessible, safe, and dependable transportation through strategic fleet replacement



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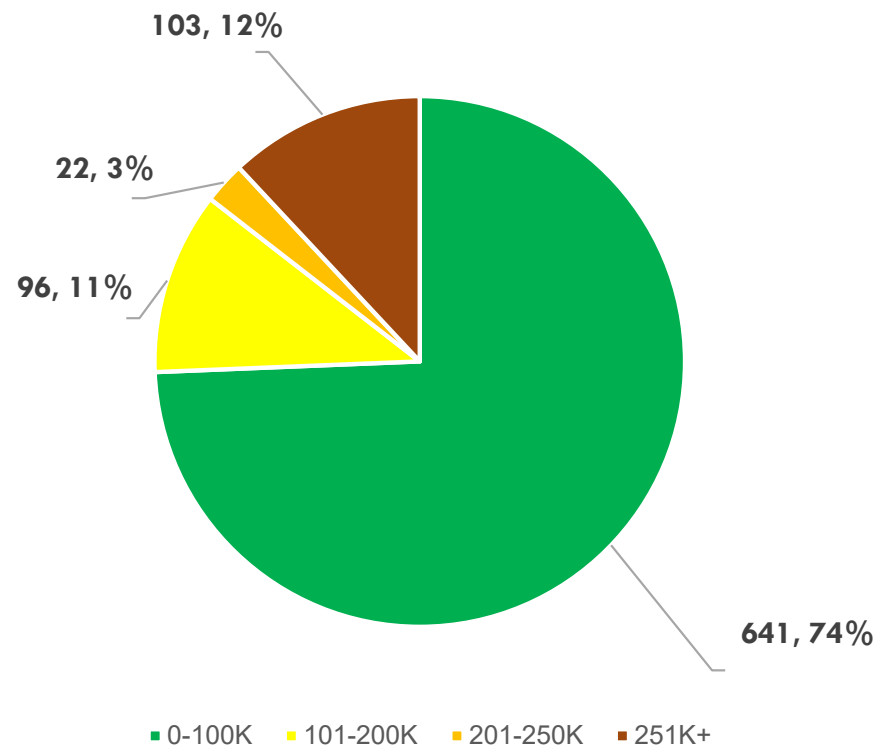


August 2026 Fleet Mix



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August 2026 Fleet Mileage Distribution



Advancing
toward a
newer fleet

74%

0-100K miles
641 vehicles

12%

251K+ miles
103 vehicles



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FY27 Purchase Strategy

\$14.14M - FY27 vehicle replacement budget

PHASE 1
Up to \$8.46M

PHASE 2
\$5.68M



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Proposed Vehicle Purchase Mix

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**Ram ProMaster
136-Inch**

RO Bus Sales

\$4,265,325

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**Ram ProMaster
159-Inch**

RO Bus Sales

\$170,441

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**Turtle Top
Cutaway**

Davey Coach Sales

\$3,952,759



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Rider-Driven Vehicle Enhancements

Ram ProMaster

- Lashing straps secure groceries, bags, and folding walkers
- Grab rails on street and curb sides assist boarding and alighting
- Stepwell lighting improves entrance and interior visibility
- Two-step reduces individual step height
- Adjustable shoulder belts improve comfort and positioning
- Convex interior mirror improves driver visibility of the securement area
- Two-tier storage holds backpacks and loose belongings
- Reworked A/C ducting improves airflow distribution

Cutaway

- Soft-start wheelchair lift
- Upgraded dual-compressor HVAC
- MoRyde suspension for a smoother ride
- Slip- and stain-resistant flooring



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Future - Phase FY27 Purchase Strategy

- Approximately \$5.68 million reserved
- Evaluate performance, maintenance, rider feedback, and feasibility
- Separate Board authorization required FY27



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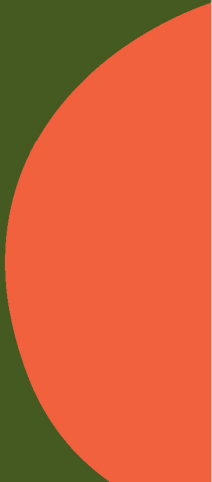


Recommendation

Authorize staff to purchase up to 50 ADA paratransit vehicles through the CalACT/MBTA Purchasing Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$8,460,959.



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Legislative Updates



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Local Legislative Update

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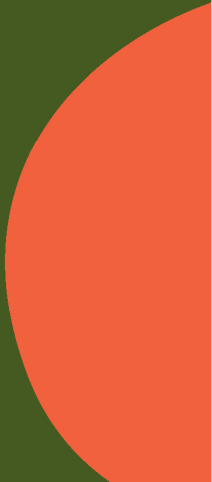


Exposition Park

- Pickup/Drop off Signage
- LA 2028 Preparations



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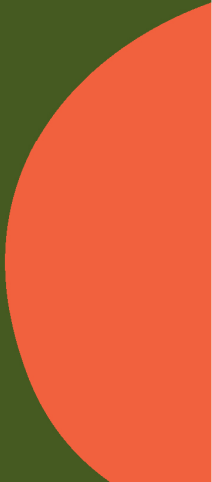


County of Los Angeles

- Avalon Blvd. Property:
Office of Supervisor Mitchell
- 2026 Supervisorial Elections



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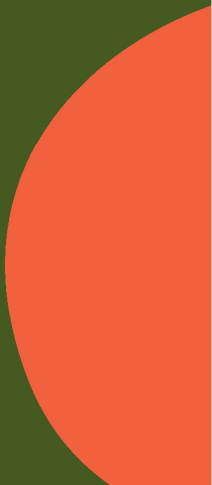


City of Los Angeles, City of San Fernando

- Informational Meetings:
Office of L.A. Councilmember Nazarian
Office of L.A. Councilmember Rodriguez
Office of San Fernando City Manager
- 2026 Los Angeles City Council and Citywide Election



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State Legislative Update
Jason Gonsalves
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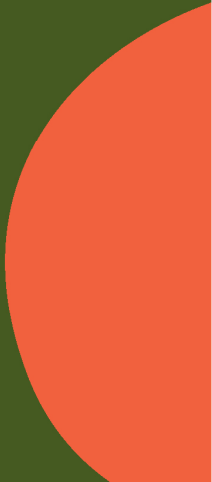


Access Services 2026 State Legislative Recap

- 2026 Legislative session adjourned mid-day 9/1 about 12 hours past the August 31st midnight constitutional deadline
- Budget trailer bills, wildfire package weren't eligible until post-3:30am on 9/1
- Assembly Democrats rejected the wildfire compromise
- The legislature did not disappoint this year, having sent 987 bills to Governor Newsom
- The Governor has until September 30th to take action on those bills



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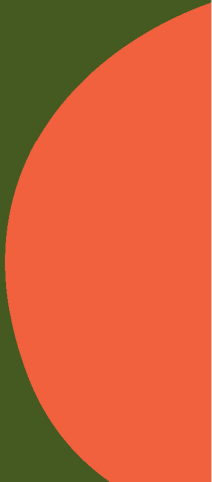


Post November 2026 election, 2027 forecast

- New Governor, new constitutional officers, and approximately 30 new legislators 25% turnover
- Ongoing structural budget deficit
- Opportunity to educate the new Governor, Administration, and Legislators about the invaluable services Access Services provides throughout Los Angeles County



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Federal Legislative Update

**Jen Covino Smith, President
Covino Smith and Simon**

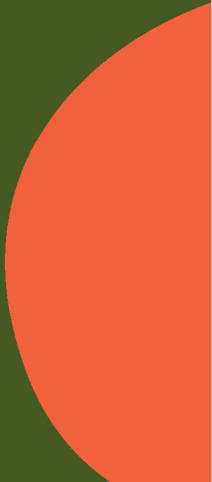


Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- Continuing Resolution (CR) included short-term extension of IIJA surface transportation programs through December 11
- Advance appropriations not addressed in short-term extension
- Multiyear reauthorization negotiations continue in both chambers



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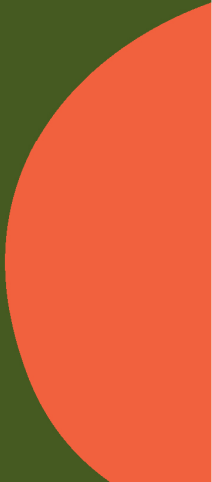


Budget and Appropriations

- CR extended most government operations and programs through December 11
- House has passed three full-year FY 2027 spending bills; House Appropriations Committee has approved remaining nine bills
- Senate Appropriations Committee has moved no FY 2027 bills to date



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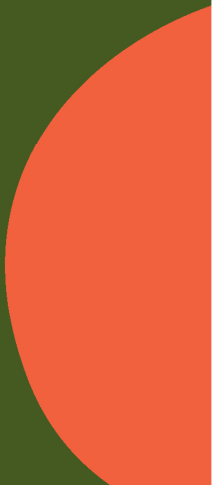


FTA

- FTA revives proposed Buy America waiver for battery electric minibuses
- Agency remains focused on transit accessibility, safety, cybersecurity
- Upcoming DOT grant deadlines:
- FHWA PROTECT – 10/9



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Operations Update



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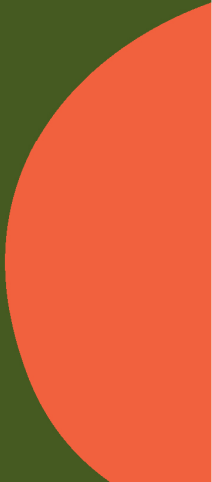


Statistics

	July 2025	July 2026	% Change
Vehicle Trips Completed	339,316	365,293	+8%
Passenger Trips Completed	421,176	454,993	+8%
Reservation Calls Answered	224,325	233,594	+4%
ETA Calls Answered	66,831	78,373	+17%
Online Reservations	58,838	67,688	+15%



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Performance Report Card

Key Performance Indicator

On Time Performance
 Excessively Late Trips
 Excessively Long Trips
 Missed Trips
 Denials
 Access to Work On Time Performance
 Average Hold Time in Seconds (Reservations)
 Calls On Hold > 5 Min (Reservations)
 Calls On Hold > 5 Min (ETAs)
 Complaints Per 1,000 Trips
 Preventable Incidents per 100,000 Miles
 Preventable Collisions per 100,000 Miles
 Mean Miles Between Major Mechanical Failures

Standard

July

$\geq 91\%$	92.5%
$\leq 0.10\%$	0.04%
$\leq 5\%$	2.1%
$\leq 0.75\%$	0.20%
≤ 0	0
$\geq 94\%$	99.3%
≤ 120	51
$\leq 5\%$	2.6%
$\leq 10\%$	3.9%
≤ 4.0	1.7
≤ 0.25	0.20
≤ 0.85	0.87
$\geq 50,000$	121,550

* No data since mid-March 2026

Green is good, yellow is cautiously optimistic, red is not meeting standard



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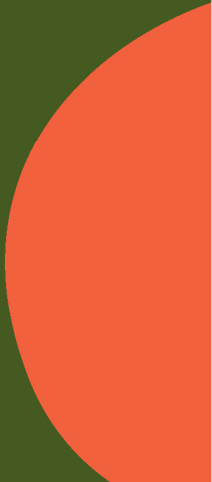


Ridership Surging

- Access continues to set all-time high ridership records
- The seven highest ridership days in agency history have occurred this month
- Increasing trip counts are stressing the system



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2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

- Staff continues to attend LA28 meetings to discuss venue specific issues; 34 different venues in Los Angeles County
- Ongoing meeting established with accessibility unit at LA28
- Staff had first meeting with Metro Operations on September 11th



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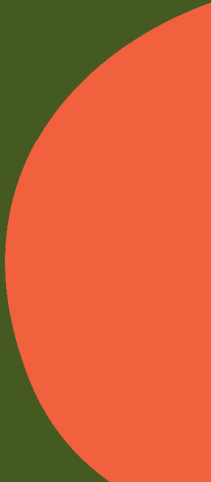


Vehicle Update

- Access' newest vehicle (Ford Transit Van) is getting closer to production; 18 ordered
- The CAC Vehicle Subcommittee has been assisting staff with reviewing the prototype
- The vehicle was onsite for 2 days earlier this month taking 5 different CAC members on test rides and getting their feedback on lift operation, seating, ride quality, and storage areas; input was also received from contractors

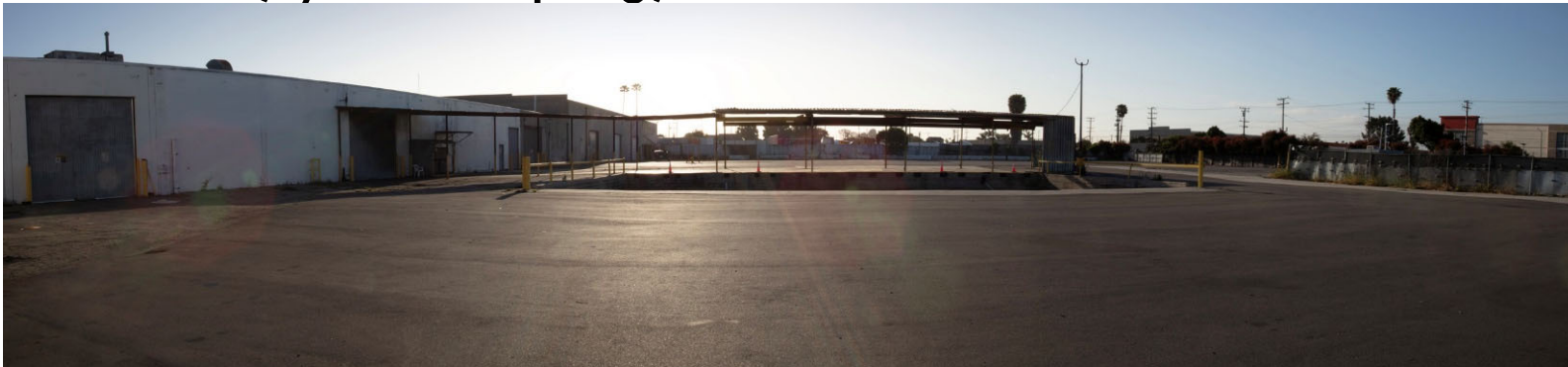


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Avalon Yard Update

- The Avalon Yard is now operational in South Los Angeles
- 79 vehicles assigned
- Functioning as a satellite yard for the Southern Region
- Site improvements completed include lighting, security cameras, yard striping, and restrooms



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